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**Joint Statement of the Co-Chairmen of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction**

Today, the Commission completed a series of meetings and discussions with a variety of officials at its Arlington, Virginia offices.

Former U.S. Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, met with Commission members on Feb. 15, 2005, to share her perspectives on the Intelligence Community's support to policymakers and her recommendations on future U.S. intelligence challenges.

On Feb. 16 and 17, the Commissioners continued their review and discussions of the status of the Commission report. Commissioners met with Central Intelligence Agency Director, Porter J. Goss, on Feb. 17 to discuss his views on current intelligence issues.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also met with the Commission co-chairmen on Feb. 18.

This was the eleventh time the full commission has met since its formation in February 2004. The Commission is expected to present its final report to the President by March 31, 2005.

As in the past, the classified information discussed during these sessions required that they be closed to the public. The Commission nonetheless will continue to keep the public informed of its work through periodic statements and through its website, available at [www.wmd.gov](http://www.wmd.gov).

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